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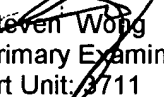
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The reply brief filed November 18, 2002 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Regarding the status of the claims, claims 1-16 and 22 should still stand or fall together because the appellant fails to argue why the claims are separately patentable. Appellant points to pages 3 and 4 of the Brief for support, however, these arguments merely point out the differences between what the claims cover which is not a suitable argument as to why the claims are separately patentable. See MPEP 1206(7).

  
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